



H.RES. 1024 – RECOGNIZING THE 187TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF GREECE AND CELEBRATING GREEK AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1024 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) on March 6, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 6, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1024 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 11, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1024 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Extends warm congratulations and best wishes to the people of Greece as they celebrate the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece;
- Expresses support for the principles of democratic governance to which the people of Greece are committed; and
- Notes the important role that Greece has played in the wider European region and in the community of nations since gaining its independence 187 years ago.

BACKGROUND

The Greek Revolution, which began in 1821, secured Greece's independence from the Ottoman Empire. The Treaty of Constantinople, signed in 1832, recognized Greece as an independent country. March 25, 2008 marks the 187th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution that led to Greece's independence.

Greek Commander in Chief, Petros Mavromichalis, a founder of the modern Greek state, said to the citizens of the United States in 1821 that "it is in your land that liberty has fixed her abode and . . . in imitating you, we shall imitate our ancestors and be thought worthy of them if we succeed in resembling you."

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